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## Man Charged with Killing Wife in San Pedro

A 75-year-old man accused of fatally shooting his wife in their home pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

George Matsumoto (dob 2/5/40) of San Pedro has been charged with one count of murder in case NA101099.

The charging document includes a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kelley, who is prosecuting the case, said a family member contacted police on Jan. 14 and requested a welfare check for Mary Matsumoto, 72, who had not been heard from for several days.

When authorities arrived at the victim's home, they found the defendant inside the location along with Mary Matsumoto's body, the prosecutor said.

Following the discovery, police arrested George Matsumoto in connection with his wife's death. He currently remains in custody on \$2 million bail.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on March 4 for a prehearing conference at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Long Beach, Department SO1.

If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of 50 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Harbor Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.